

'CHICK' GAGNON POOREST SHORTSTOP IN INTERNATIONAL LOOP, AVERAGES DISCLOSE

SAYS 'BUGS' Baer:
FAMOUS CLOWNS OF BASEBALL

Their Purpose is to Keep Players in Good Humor Between Errors.

NO. 1.

The generation of rain check grabbers knows little about Arlie Latham and his stuff that made him famous. But many of his stunts have depended on present day pantomime.

Top buffoon of all modern clowns is Nick Altrock. When Nick takes his place in line, all others howl and fall back. Nick stole his jester's crown from Germany Schaefer.

Both of them worked for Clark Griffith. Quicker enough, Griffith seems to have diamond monopoly on clowns. Schaefer, Altrock, Shacht and Carl Sawyer all capered for Griffith.

Some seasons it seems that Griffith has nine comedians on his team. But he doesn't sign 'em all up. Ben Johnson signs some for umpires.

Day that Nick annexed football honors from Germany was on training trip to Charlottesville, Virginia. It was 1912 and had been snowing two weeks without opposition.

Griff was determined that his team was going to get some practice if it was only in wild throws and sore arms. So he had them out early shoveling snow. Then afternoon they batted fungoes. Germany was coaching them on snowshoes. He had a parlor stove strapped on his back, but Griff refused to take any hints.

That same day one of Virginia's numerous college fraternities was initiating freshmen into their mystic circle of fraternity pine and hat-band ribbons.

Nick borrowed some of their implements. When he scampered back to Griff's playgrounds, he tied Spring practice up into hilarious cramps.

He was riding one Georgia mule backwards. Mr. Mule was painted every color of some little's private rainbow. Nick was steering him by his tail and also wearing the mule's Sunday blinkers. Mule had four spoked shoes on and a Washington baseball cap. There were four sleds harnessed to him, each sled loaded with rapidly freezing pickaninies.

After that exhibition Griff had to call off practice.

It was Nick's initial bust into the show business. Anything that Germany did after that afternoon faded nowhere. That evening the two of 'em got together and organized the famous firm of Altrock and Schaefer, which continued in business until poor old Germany checked out.

SAINTS DEFEAT FOURTH FOE IN CATHOLIC LOOP

Anacostia Midgets Turn Back St. Martin's Quint by 30 to 9 Count.

TWO games were played yesterday in the Washington Catholic League, the St. Teresa Midgets stretching their winning streak to four in a row by defeating St. Martin's Midgets, 30 to 9, while the Immaculate Conception quint won from St. Dominick, 30 to 8.

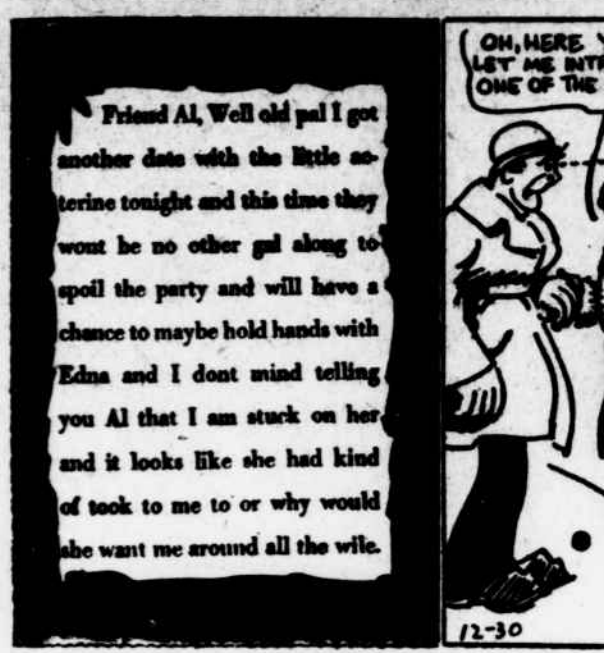
By winning over St. Martin's Court dribblers the Teresians continue on even terms with the Aloysius Midgets for first place. The shooting of Brazero and Meredith and the guarding of Mudd featured the Saints' play. Fitzgerald and Muddy played the best game of the season.

Line-up and summary: St. Teresa. Forward—Fitzgerald, Meredith. Center—Muddy. Guard—Brazero. Substitutions: St. Teresa—Jerry Nollins for John Nollins; Leo for Brazero; St. Martin—P. Smith for P. Smith; Field goals—Joseph (3), Meredith (2), John Nollins (1). Free goals—Muddy (1), Leo (1). Points—Teresa, 30; St. Martin, 9.

The St. Dominick quint failed to score a point in the second of the game with the Immaculate Conception outfit.

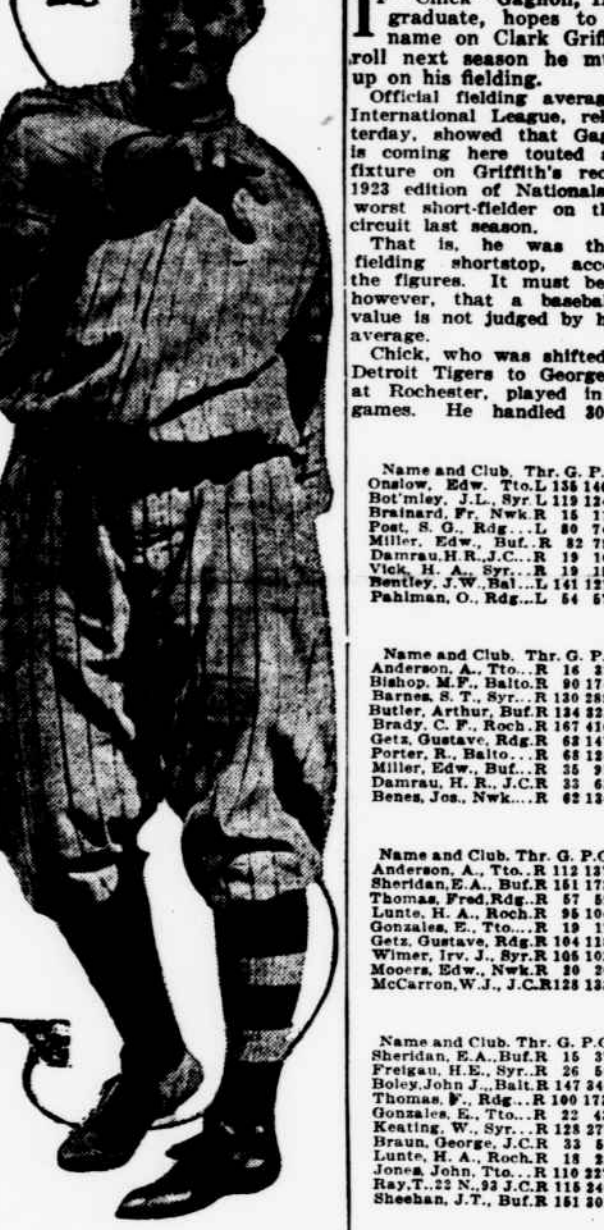
Line-up and summary: Immaculate Conception. Forward—Fitzgerald, Meredith. Center—Muddy. Guard—Brazero. Substitutions: Immaculate Conception—Leo for Brazero; St. Martin—P. Smith for P. Smith; Field goals—Joseph (3), Meredith (2), John Nollins (1). Free goals—Muddy (1), Leo (1). Points—Teresa, 30; St. Martin, 9.

YOU KNOW ME, AL



Friend Al, Well old pal I got another date with the little sister tonight and this time they won't be no other gal along to spoil the party and will have a chance to maybe hold hands with Edna and I don't mind telling you Al that I am stuck on her and it looks like she had kind of took to me to or why would she want me around all the while.

And Now George Burns Says He Won't Be President



They are having a deal of difficulty getting some one to take the job as head of Cannon's players' association. Burns opines he does not want it. Frank Frisch recently turned it down, too.

MOHAWK PREPS PICKED TO WIN OVER STANTONS

Southeast Eleven to Use New Plays in Tomorrow's Championship Game.

THE Mohawk Preps will revamp their usual style of play in the game tomorrow afternoon at Union League Park against the Stanton A. C. for the 145-pound football championship.

During this week's practice, which was confined mostly indoors, due to the weather, Coach Pepco Durty drilled his squad on new formations.

Coach Durty feels that his team cannot afford to use the same tactics against the Stantons as they have in their other games this year in defending the 145 title. For the past four Sundays the Stantons have been idle, while their foes were brushing aside contenders.

The Stantons were not altogether idle, either. They were on hand for the last four games played by their Southeast rivals and were not overlooking a bet in scouting a trick or two that they expected the Little Hawks would use tomorrow afternoon. This prompted Durty to adopt new formations.

CANDIDATE FOR JOB WITH GRIFF HAD TOUGH YEAR IN FIELDING

Former Holy Cross Star Erred Twenty-Six Times In Sixty-Five Games While Serving His Apprenticeship On the O'Toole Circuit Last Season.

If "Chick" Gagnon, Holy Cross graduate, hopes to keep his name on Clark Griffith's payroll next season he must polish up on his fielding.

Official fielding averages of the International League, released yesterday, showed that Gagnon who is coming here touted as a sure fixture on Griffith's reconstructed 1934 edition of Nationals, was the worst shortstop on the O'Toole circuit last season.

That is, he was the poorest fielding shortstop, according to the figures. It must be admitted, however, that a baseball player's value is not judged by his fielding average.

Chick, who was shifted from the Detroit Tigers to George Stallings at Rochester, played in sixty-five games. He handled 305 chances.

First Basemen. Name and Club. Thr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. Onslow, Edw., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 151 147 181 71 981. Botmy, J. L., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 113 124 61 10 5924.

Second Basemen. Name and Club. Thr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. Anderson, A., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 16 32 54 5 966. Bishop, M. F., Balt. Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 10 174 258 16 964.

Third Basemen. Name and Club. Thr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. Anderson, A., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 16 32 54 5 966. Bishop, M. F., Balt. Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 10 174 258 16 964.

Shortstops. Name and Club. Thr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. Sheridan, E. A., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 15 27 60 1 590. Freigan, H. E., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 26 54 73 9 962.

Outfielders. Name and Club. Thr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. Barnhardt, D., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 42 65 11 1 1000. Dubois, A., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 16 32 54 5 966.

Catchers. Name and Club. Thr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. Styles, Wm., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 27 48 3 9616. Clarke, J. J., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 27 48 3 9616.

Pitchers. Name and Club. Thr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. Carls, Fred, Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 32 14 79 1 1000. Thomas, W. D., Tr. G. P. O. A. E. P. C. 16 32 54 5 966.

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Radio Fans To Hear Corbett Explain New Ring Code

ARRANGEMENTS have just been completed to hold the first public reading of the new Roosevelt Boxing Rules by James J. Corbett, for the benefit of the boxing fans of the Eastern States, at the Bamberger Broadcasting Station (WOR) of Newark, N. J., on the night of Tuesday, January 9, at 8 o'clock.

A special committee of noted sporting editors and ring celebrities will be on hand, at the radio station, to hear "Gentleman Jim's" proposed code and several recognized boxing experts will express their opinions of the rules, over the wireless, immediately after the reading.

VILLA WINNER OVER MARTIN IN FAST MILL

New Englander Weakened by Making Weight, But Fights Brilliant Battle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Pancho Villa, the flyweight champion, received the decision over Terry Martin in their fifteen round bout tonight at Madison Square Garden.

It was a good fight, brilliant in spots and at no time slow in action. The little Filipino was carried to the limit by his game rival, who never stopped nor backed up. He gave Villa a terrible lacing around the body, which made the Filipino respect his punches.

GENE AND JOCK TERMED IDEAL GOLFING PAIR

"SHOW me a better golfing pair than Gene Sarazen and Jock Hutchison, playing as a team, and I'll show you a pink moon."

This enticing offer was made by an enthusiastic golf writer. It came up in a discussion over the luminous pair, who left recently for a trans-continental tour of about 8,000 miles, covering a period of three months and involving thirty-five or more exhibition matches.

"We would love to see a pink, even a blue moon," was the answer, "but we can't think of a better combination."

Gene and "Hutch" were discussed at length; also, other stars. They are well-nigh unbeatable. Apart from the golfing, their mental attitudes are something to be reckoned with. They are direct opposites but blend beautifully.

Sarazen is unimaginative, well called the "Bat Nelson of golf," a plunger, a methodical dispatcher of balls who sees only victory before every engagement, and who is the most surprised man in the world if he loses.

NATIONAL FEDERATION GETS UNDER WAY IN GOTHAM SESSION

War and Navy Departments Decide to Place Entire Future Training of Youth in New Organization Which Is Formally Launched, with Henry Breckinridge As Its Head.

By THOMAS L. CUMMISKEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The National Amateur Athletic Federation, the body in which the War and Navy departments have decided to place the entire future training of the youth of the land in athletic sports, was organized today at a meeting in the Hotel Astor.

It is composed of nearly all amateur athletic organizations, and is founded for the purpose of standardizing physical training of 38,000,000 youths between the ages of twelve and twenty-four without interfering with athletic bodies already established.

Difficulties in obtaining adequate representation of the United States at the last Olympic Games and in view of insuring against physical disabilities which played a considerable part in the organization of the country's forces in the world war are the principal reasons for its existence.

Col. Henry Breckinridge, elected president today, was formerly Assistant Secretary of War in the Wilson administration. He is its originator. He consulted with Brig. Gen. Palmer E. Pierce, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, following the difficulties that arose in obtaining representation for the Olympic Games, and together they worked out the plan of organization.

The federation is not specifically for the purpose of holding athletic competition, but to aid associations and clubs in its membership in holding them.

The aim is to reach everywhere, country sections, industrial sections, city playgrounds, as well as regular athletic fields and halls and gymnasiums.

College athletic conferences, individuals, schools, colleges, fraternal organizations and clubs in general will be urged to build or provide necessary equipments. The federation will endeavor to help municipal efforts along these lines.

WESTERN GRID COACHES HELD SPORT GLARE

Zuppke, Yost, Stagg, and Wilson Leading Figures at Football Conclave.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Football coaches from the wide open spaces of the West were very much in evidence at the annual meeting of the American Football Coaches Association Wednesday. Bob Zuppke, the aggressive little fellow who clips his words, of the University of Illinois; big "Hurricane" Yost, Michigan's famous mentor; the veteran Alonzo A. Stagg, dean of American coaches from Chicago, and the tall, spare Dr. J. C. Wilce, from Ohio State, who looks a lot like Bill Tilden, were the shock troops of the Western detachment, and few motions were introduced that did not find them ready to offer intelligent comment.

Particularly interesting was Yost, the Michigan Wolverine coach, whose team tied for first place in the Big Ten race this season, and "Fighting Bob" Zuppke, from Illinois.

This pair of veteran coaching rivals are responsible for the introduction of two of the most important elements in modern football—the forward pass and the shift play.

Back in 1897, nine years before the forward pass was formally added to football equipment, Yost, the ex-Lafayette star, while coaching at Ohio Wesleyan, endeavored to explain the rudiments of the spiral kick to Del Sayers, the team's one and only kicker. Unable to kick himself, Yost traced the path of the kick with his hand in order to show Sayers the arc his foot should describe. In that way, "Hurricane" evolved the idea of a spiral throw or the modern forward pass.

Zuppke was always a strategist of the first water. When a freshman at Wisconsin, the fighting son of a gun tried to make the "frosh" football team, and later, he tried for the "varsity," but although he was the gamiest man of the lot, his size militated against him. So, devoid of physical assets, he naturally developed into a football "thinker."

Years ago, while coaching Illinois, Zuppke carefully figured out the psychological effect of a hurried conference behind the line of scrimmage followed by a fast shift into action, and it met with such success that the entire Big Ten adopted it.

Perhaps it was because the other coaches present at the Hotel Astor remembered these things that they paid such respectful silence when big, powerful Yost, with the lazy drawl, and short little Zuppke got up to address the meeting.

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